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CONSERVATIVE PRO-GOVERNMENT EL PAIS WEDNESDAY PUBLISHED ITS
LEAD EDITORIAL, ADED "NEW AMERICAN ORIENTATION", ON VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE'S TRIP TO WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN.
OBVIOUSLY DRAWING MUCH OF ITS INFORMATION ON MONDALE FROM THE
FACETAS ARTICLE, "TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SECURITY",
WHICH WAS WIDELY REPLAYED LAST YEAR IN THE LOCAL PRESS, THE LEADING
MONTEVIDEO DAILY SAID IN PART:

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"BEGINNING THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, CARTER'S
SPECIAL ENVOY, VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE HAS JUST LEFT FOR
THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN ON WHAT IS CONSIDERED
TO BE A TRIP DESTINED TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND ITS TRADITIONAL ALLIES AND TO PREPARE FOR AN EVENTUAL
'SUMMIT' MEETING BETWEEN THESE POWERS.

"THIS TRIP TIES IN PERFECTLY WITH OTHER TRIPS PLANNED BY
VANCE -- TO THE MIDDLE-EAST AND MOSCOW--AND BY THE AMBASSADOR
TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ANDREW YOUNG, TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

AND, ASPECIALLY, TO RHODESIA. ALL ARE INDICATIVE OF THE BIG PROB-
LEMS IN THE WORLD TODAY AND OF AMERICAN UNREST CONCERNING (THESE
PROBLEMS).

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"DURING THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN CARTER ACCUSED FORD OF BEING MORE
CONCERNED ABOUT NOT OFFENDING THE SOVIETS THAN OF PLACATING (THE
COUNTRY'S) ALLIES. MONDALE'S FIRST TRIP OVERSEAS SEEMS TO SHOW
THAT CARTER WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHATEVER DEVELOPS FROM
THE CRITICISM HE MADE OF HIS PREDECESSOR: A GOOD SUPPORT -- MUTUAL,
OF COURSE -- IN WESTERN EUROPE AND IN JAPAN WHICH WILL ALLOW THE
UNITED STATES TO SPEAK IN ANOTHER VOICE IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH

THE SOVIET UNION.

"THE STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE ERA IN WHICH WE LIVE WILL NOT BE THE RESULT OF IMPROVISATION -- AT LEAST AS FAR AS MONDALE IS CONCERNED -- BUT A REFLECTION FROM AFAR. BACUMIN 1973 THE THEN SENATOR FROM MINNESOTA WROTE THAT "ECONOMIC QUESTIONS HAVE BECOME THE OBJECT AND THE CENTER OF ATTENTION OF STATESMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD AND HEAD THE LIST OF DOMESTIC AS WELL AS FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES'..."

"TO KNOW THE ECONOMIC THINKING OF MONDALE, THEN, IS TO KNOW THE PARAMETERS WITHIN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL MOVE..."

AFTER CITING SOME OF THE PRINCIPLE POINTS MONDALE HAS MADE IN THE PAST, EL PAIS OBSERVES THAT HIS PHILOSOPHY "COVERS A FULL SPECTRUM BUT HAS THE COMMON CONVICTION THAT THE WORLD IS PROFOUNDLY INTERDEPENDENT AND THAT NO COUNTRY, BY ITSELF, IS CAPABLE OF DICTATING TIS ECONOMIC POLICIES TO THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS"

EL PAIS CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT CARTER HAS BEGUN HIS ADMINISTRATION "WITH A DESIRE FOR CHANGE, WITH IMAGINATION AND COMMON SENSE. NOBODY CAN DISCREDIT HIM IN THIS REGARD. NOR FOR HIS INTENTIONS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES THAT THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM DISPOSES TO ITS LEADING CAST: NONE OF THEM ARE RESTRICTED BY WHAT HAS BEEN SAID OR DONE BY THOSE WHO PRECEDED THEM. THEY ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVEREIGN PEOPLE WHO ELECTED THEM AND THEIR HANDS ARE FREE TO TRY ANY WAY THAT THEY MAY FEEL IS BEST."

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